(c) 255 Km. of new lines are targetted for commissioning in 1988-89. Commissioning of new lines in the coming years will depend on availability of resources for New Lines. 680 Km. and 850 Km. of rail lines are expected to be energised in 1988-89 and 1989-90 respectively.

Age of retirement for Air Hostesses in Air India

127. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether air hostesses in Air India retire from service at the age of forty-five;

(b) what is the age of retirement for air hostesses in other international airlines; and

(c) whether Government are considering to raise the age of retirement for air hostesses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The prescribed age of retirement of Air Hostesses in Air India is 35 years extendable by one year at a time to 45 years subject to medical fitness.

(b) Information regarding retirement age of air hostesses in certain carriers is as follows:—

British Airways	55 Years
Northwest Airlines	60 years
Scandinavian Airlines	60 Years
Japan Airlines	55 Years

(c) No, Sir.

Passenger ship service between Rameshwaram and Sri Lanka

128. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether passenger ship service between Rameshwaram and Sri Lanka was suspended in 1983;

(b) whether Government had planned to reopen the said service in mid May this year but suddenly its inauguration was cancelled; and

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to restart the service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The passenger/ferry service between Rameshwaram and Sri Lanka was suspended in October 1984. A second hand passenger vessel has been acquired by the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. for this service. However the resumption of the commercial ferry service is awaiting further improvement in the situation in Sri Lanka.

Computerised railway booking in and around Bombay

129. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether computerised railway booking system is to be extended to numerous suburban Railway stations and other important places in and around Bombay city; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) There are plans for extending computerised reservation at a few selected locations around Bombay City. However, the details are being finalised.